

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An imaging apparatus comprising:

a shooting mode selection means for selecting device configured to select desired shooting mode information from pieces of set shooting mode information, each of the pieces of shooting mode information including information concerning a specific color determined depending on a predetermined shooting condition;

a specific color extraction means for extracting device configured to extract video signals of a specific color from video signals on the basis of the shooting mode information selected by the shooting mode selection means device;

a color difference detection means for detecting device configured to detect color difference data of the specific color from the specific-color video signals extracted by the specific color extraction means device;

a correction reference data storage means for storing device configured to store pieces of correction reference data, serving as references for correcting the specific color to a predetermined color;

a color correction value calculation means for selecting device configured to select correction reference data corresponding to the specific color from the correction reference data storage means device on the basis of the shooting mode information selected by the shooting mode selection means device to calculate color correction values on the basis of the selected correction reference data and the color difference data of the specific color detected by the color difference detection means device, the color correction values being used to correct the specific color to the predetermined color; [[and]]

a color correction ~~means for correcting~~ device configured to correct the specific color in the video signals to the predetermined color on the basis of the color correction values calculated by the color correction value calculation ~~means~~ device;

a specific color signal processing device configured to obtain a specific color luminance signal; and

a luminance correction device configured to correct the luminance level of the video signals depending on the specific color luminance signal.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The imaging apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the specific color extraction ~~means~~ device has a function of changing an extraction range of the ~~specific color~~ specific color video signals depending on the luminance level of the video signals.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The imaging apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the correction reference data storage ~~means~~ device has a function capable of changing the stored correction reference data.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The imaging apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the shooting mode selection ~~means~~ device has a function of automatically selecting the shooting mode information depending on a shooting environment.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): An imaging apparatus comprising:
a shooting mode selection ~~means for selecting~~ device configured to select desired shooting mode information from pieces of set shooting mode information, each of the pieces

of shooting mode information including information concerning a specific color determined depending on a predetermined shooting condition;

a specific color extraction means for extracting device configured to extract video signals of a specific color from video signals on the basis of the shooting mode information selected by the shooting mode selection means device;

a color difference detection means for detecting device configured to detect color difference data of the specific color from the specific-color video signals extracted by the specific color extraction means device;

a correction reference data storage means for storing device configured to store pieces of correction reference data, serving as references for correcting the specific color to a predetermined color;

a color correction value calculation means for selecting device configured to select correction reference data corresponding to the specific color from the correction reference data storage means device on the basis of the shooting mode information selected by the shooting mode selection means device to calculate color correction values on the basis of the selected correction reference data and the color difference data of the specific color detected by the color difference detection means device, the color correction values being used to correct the specific color to the predetermined color;

a color correction means for correcting device configured to correct the specific color of the video signals to the predetermined color on the basis of the color correction values calculated by the color correction value calculation means device; and

a luminance correction means for correcting device configured to correct the luminance level of the video signals depending on the luminance level of the ~~specific color~~ specific color video signals extracted by the specific color extraction means device and on the basis of the shooting mode information selected by the shooting mode selection device.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The imaging apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein the luminance correction ~~means~~ device has a function of calculating the ratio of the ~~specific-color~~ specific color video signals to the video signals to correct the luminance level of the specific-color video signals in accordance with the calculated ratio.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The imaging apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein the specific color extraction ~~means~~ device has a function of changing an extraction range of the ~~specific-color~~ specific color video signals depending on the luminance level of the video signals.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The imaging apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein the correction reference data storage ~~means~~ device has a function capable of changing the stored correction reference data.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The imaging apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein the shooting mode selection ~~means~~ device has a function of automatically selecting the shooting mode information depending on a shooting environment.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): An imaging method comprising:
~~a shooting mode selection step of~~ selecting desired shooting mode information from pieces of set shooting mode information, each of the pieces of shooting mode information including information concerning a specific color determined depending on a predetermined shooting condition;

~~a specific color extraction step~~ of extracting video signals of a specific color from video signals on the basis of the shooting mode information selected in the ~~shooting mode selection step~~ selecting;

~~a color difference detection step~~ of detecting color difference data of the specific color from the specific-color video signals extracted in the ~~specific color extraction step~~ extracting;

~~a color correction value calculation step~~ of selecting correction reference data corresponding to the specific color from a correction reference data storage means device for storing pieces of correction reference data, serving as references for correcting the specific color to a predetermined color, on the basis of the shooting mode information selected in the ~~shooting mode selection step~~ selecting desired shooting mode information to calculate color correction values on the basis of the selected correction reference data and the color difference data of the specific color detected in the ~~color difference detection step~~ detecting, the color correction values being used to correct the specific color to the predetermined color; [[and]]

~~a color correction step~~ of correcting the specific color of the video signals to the predetermined color on the basis of the color correction values calculated in the color ~~correction value calculation step~~ selecting correction reference data; and

correcting the luminance level of the video signals depending on the luminance extracted by the extracting and on the basis of the shooting mode information selected by the selecting.